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After addressing the Nation on Operation Sindoor

Modi visits Airbase in Punjab; boosts soldiers' morale

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning visited the Adampur Airbase in Punjab's Hoshiarpur, a day after addressing the Nation on Operation Sindoor.

Adampur was one of the key Indian Air Force Stations targeted by Pakistan on the intervening night of May 9 and 10, in retaliation for India's preemptive military action.

Pakistan had claimed that hypersonic missiles launched from its JF-17 fighter jets had destroyed India's S-400 Air Defence System at Adampur — a claim firmly denied by Indian officials. The Prime Minister's visit was seen as a strong show of solidarity with the Armed Forces, bolstering their morale amid heightened tensions.

Visuals from the visit showed the PM interacting with Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in front of a MiG-21 model, accompanied by a signboard reading: "Why Enemy Pilots Don't Sleep Well" — a nod to Adampur's formidable combat history.

(See MODI on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Blitzkrieg: Now annex PoK as assured in the Preamble of our Constitution."*** *—Ed*

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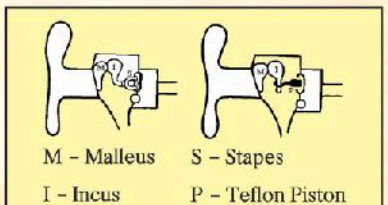

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th May 2025

Free Ayurveda medical check-up camp held

Mysuru, May 13 (MK&DM)- A free mega Ayurveda medical check-up camp was held at the new Cauvery Ayurveda Hospital premises near Devegowda Circle on Ring Road here on Saturday.

Speaking after inaugurating the camp, Senior Journalist S.T. Ravikumar (Chief Reporter of *SOM)* said health check-up, Lab test and diagnosis costs are increasing by the day, thus becoming unaffordable for common man. He called upon the public to make best use of free camps.

District AYUSH Officer Dr. C. Renukadevi, Nature Wellness Centre Director Dr. B. Gurubasavaraj, MIT Ayurveda College Principal Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Senior Ayurveda Practitioner Dr. Sadanand Paragonde, Dr. Chandrashekar Foundation Head Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Cauvery Ayurveda College and Hospital Director Dr. S. Krishnaprasad, Principal Dr. Ramachandra Nesargi, Medical Superintendent Dr. V. Poornima and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

POST OFFICES MISALIGNED WITH DIGITAL REALITY: ***In today's rapidly digitising economy, where cashless transactions have become the norm rather than the exception, India Post's continued reliance on cash payments in many of its branches is an alarming anachronism. As the most extensive postal network in the world, with over 1.5 lakh post offices, 90% of them located in rural areas, India Post plays a dual role both as a communication lifeline and a crucial financial services provider for millions. Yet, despite its unparalleled reach and historical significance, the organisation risks losing relevance by failing to implement comprehensive digital payment solutions across its branches. The digital payments landscape has undergone a tectonic shift in recent years. Post-COVID, digital payments have increased at a staggering Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 44%. United Payments Interface (UPI) alone processes over 10 billion transactions monthly, with even street vendors and small kirana stores now accepting digital payments. In this context, India Post's inconsistent infrastructure where many sub-post offices operate on a cash-only basis stands out as a glaring anomaly in an otherwise digitally inclusive country.***

For India Post to maintain its position as a trusted public institution, immediate and comprehensive digitisation is non-negotiable. The organisation must accelerate UPI integration across branches, not just in urban head offices. It should develop offline digital payment solutions for areas with poor connectivity and train staff to ensure the smooth adoption of technology. With private courier companies and digital alternatives eroding India Post's traditional strengths, the organisation must fully embrace the digital revolution or risk becoming obsolete. India Post has been doing its best to remain relevant under the changed circumstances, but it must keep pace with the times if it is to survive.

—In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

This man has never tried fruits and vegetables

London: A 35-year-old man diagnosed with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID) claims that the mere thought of eating fruits, vegetables, eggs, or meat is enough to make him sick.

The 35-year-old Thomas Sheridan from UK relies on two loaves of white bread, three bowls of Shreddies cereal, lots of Haribo sweets and he has never tasted fruits and vegetables.

The unemployed man claims to have made attempts to diversify his diet, but they have all ended in failure. A couple of years ago, he was diagnosed with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID), an eating disorder that prevents sufferers from eating certain foods and despite several attempted treatments, his daily diet remains incredibly restricted.

Pensioner sued for feeding neighbour's cat

Zurich: A 68-year-old woman was taken to Court by her neighbour, who claims that the pensioner systematically fed her pet cat for months, despite being notified in writing to stop.

This took place in Zurich, where a woman stands accused of luring her neighbour's cat with food for 10 months with the intention of stealing it. The plaintiff claims to have notified the woman in writing, to stop feeding her pet, but to no avail. Not only did the accused continue to feed Leo, but she also installed a cat flap on her door so the feline could come and go.

As a result, the cat stopped returning to its original owner. The pensioner's neighbour filed a complaint against the woman. The public prosecutor's office ordered the accused to pay a fine of 800 Swiss francs ($950) and also issued a suspended fine of 3600 francs ($4,273) for unlawful appropriation. But the 68-year-old woman refused to pay, so the case ended up in a Court.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Trade licence renewal drive for city hotel owners

Mysuru, May 13 (RK&KS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif recently inaugurated trade licence renewal drive at Hotel Owners Association Office in Krishnamurthypuram here.

Speaking on the occasion, the MCC Commissioner created awareness on the simple procedure to obtain trade licence and its renewal.

He asked hotel owners to get their trade licence renewed during every financial year and utilise the facilities given to them.

Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Association office-bearers Ravi Shastri, Ravindra Bhat, Subramanya Tantri and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **79.62 feet**	Last year's level **2,257.51 feet**	Last year's level **2,823.08 feet**
Yesterday's level **92.62 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,262.99 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.63 feet**
Today's Inflow **125 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **93 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **115 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,520 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The heart of a blue whale weighs more than 1,000 pounds, the weight of an average dairy cow.***
- ***Dolphins don't chew the fish they catch, they swallow prey whole.***
- ***Whales' tails are like our fingerprints.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Paul: *My wife does not love me. Does yours?*

Friend: *I don't know, she never mentions your name!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 84.86**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 119.99**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.10**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 95.31**

VOICE OF THE READER

Roadside eateries, traffic hazards

Sir,

It is a known fact that most of the footpaths have been occupied by roadside eateries across the city and though we frequently hear the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities of clearing them, not much has happened in real terms.

I would like to mention one such eatery which is being run on Nazarbad Main Road, on the footpath abutting the Government Sindhi Higher Primary School for decades. I had written about this years ago twice in this column. However, the eatery still thrives.

The eatery does business from late in the afternoon till midnight. It has occupied an area of about 50 metres on the footpath. Since the eatery is located almost at the junction of B.N. Road and Nazarbad Main Road, it is definitely a grave traffic hazard as the pedestrians have to walk on the main road for about 50 metres and they run the risk of being hit by vehicles which take a sharp turn from B.N. Road on to the Nazarbad Road.

Has the Mysuru City Corporation issued trade licence to run this eatery, and if so how it was issued to carry on business on footpath so as to pose traffic hazard endangering the lives of pedestrians?

This apart, food is cooked in an unhygienic manner. Has the food regulatory authority, FSSAI, conducted inspection of the eatery and issued a certificate?

It is very unlikely that this nuisance has not come to the notice of the authorities concerned. It is high time the MCC officials and the Police removed this nuisance without further delay before some untoward incident takes place.

—K.R. Jayaprakash Rao
Nazarbad
10.5.2025

Training session for women inmates at Mysuru Central Prison

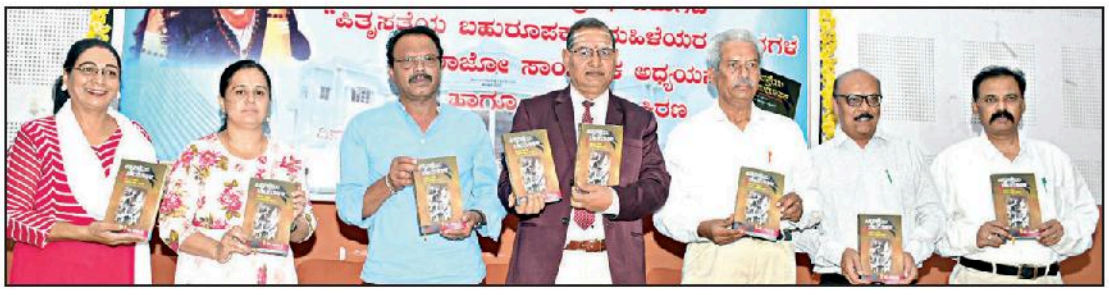
Entrepreneur Vinattaa Rao** (centre) **seen with Chief Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prison P.S. Ramesh and Assistant Superintendent of Prisons M. Deepa.

Mysuru, May 13- Vinattaa Rao, an entrepreneur from Mysuru, Founder of Akar, a transformational mentor and empowerment facilitator, conducted a training session for women inmates at the Central Prison in Mysuru.

The training focused on stress management and emotional regulation, positive thinking and mindfulness, mental health awareness and coping strategies.

Casting couch not just a filmy affair

Writer Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash rues how women have to make uncomfortable choices in their careers



Scholar Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash** (third from left) **and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse** (centre) **seen releasing the book 'Pitru Saththeya Bahu Roopaka – Mahileyara Kathanagala Samajo-Samskrithika Adhyayana,' authored by Akkamahadevi Study Chair Director Prof. Kavitha Rai** (extreme left) **in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, May 13 (BLU&BS)- Writer and scholar Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash has lamented the prevalence of the casting couch, stating that it has become a determining factor for women not only in the film industry but also in politics and several other fields.

He was speaking at the release of 'Pitru Saththeya Bahu Roopaka – Mahileyara Kathanagala Samajo-Samskrithika Adhyayana' (authored by Akkamahadevi Study Chair Director Prof. Kavitha Rai) recently at Kaveri Auditorium of KSOU.

Dr. Jayaprakash noted that women today are often compelled to compromise to succeed, especially in the worlds of glamour and politics. "Their wings are clipped. Their freedom to aspire and rise is restricted. Sexual harassment has plagued women for centuries, and it continues unabated even in the so-called modern era," he rued.

He said women are still viewed primarily as 'objects of desire', a perception that has only intensified since globalisation. The influence of social media and electronic media, he added, has heightened the demand for physical attractiveness, pressuring women into uncomfortable choices. "If they refuse, they are denied opportunities and denied the ladder to success," he noted.

Highlighting how these societal expectations affect women's aspirations, he remarked that many women frequent beauty parlours with hopes of landing film roles, reflecting the mindset shaped by these pressures.

Drawing a comparison with the West, Dr. Jayaprakash observed that although the female population in the US is lower, the country spends exorbitantly on cosmetics, rivalling the budgets of some African nations.

"Despite being a global superpower, US remains deeply patriarchal. Women have been largely excluded from policy-making and no woman has ever occupied the Office of President," he said. He acknowledged that, comparatively, India has done better in some respects, with women having held high offices like Prime Minister and President. However, he emphasised that gender equality is still far from being achieved.

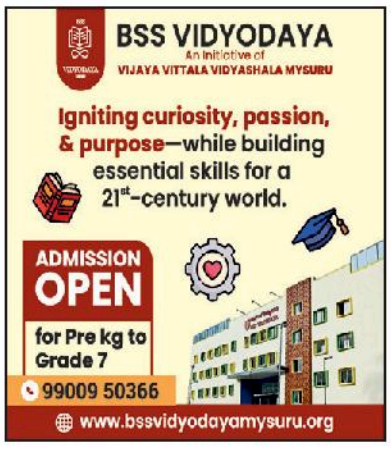
Calling for a change in societal norms, he questioned why school records continue to mention only the father's name, sidelining the mother's identity. "Even in developed countries, emotional trauma, mental and physical harassment of women persist. The situation is even more dire for less-educated women," he concluded.

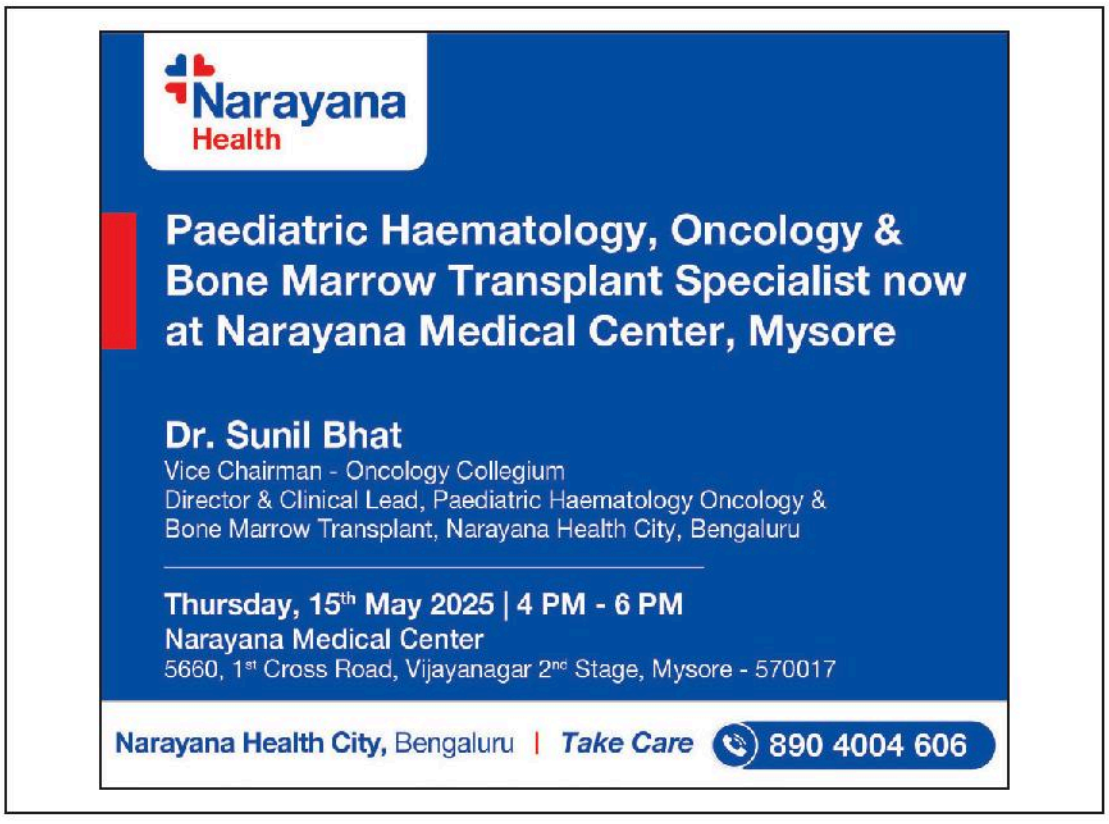
'DC or PM, every woman would have faced a husband's slap!'

"Whether she is a Deputy Commissioner or even the Prime Minister, every woman would have faced her husband's slap at least once in her life," remarked Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash, citing findings from a study.

He stated that in a patriarchal society, women, regardless of their professional stature, are still viewed primarily as spouses at home.

"There are always moments of conflict in a household, and it is during such times that women experience physical abuse from their partners. This, unfortunately, is a common experience shared by women across society — from DCs to PMs," he said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Phone-in for SSLC passed students

Dr. Bhaktavatsala

A live phone-in programme will be conducted to guide students on various courses and career opportunities available after SSLC. The event is scheduled for May 14 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm at the JSS Radio 91.2 FM Community Radio Station, JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ooty Road, Mysuru. Dr. Bhaktavatsala, Principal of JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru, will be the resource person. Students and parents may seek guidance and clarify any doubts directly with him, by calling Mob: 82967-25912 or 0821-2546563. Listeners may tune in to 91.2 FM or access through JSS Radio App, according to a press release.

Docs' solidarity with soldiers

The Doctors from Mysuru will gather in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, on May 14 from 8 am to 9 am, to express solidarity with the Armed Forces and Central Government in view of Operation Sindoor and any further war operations. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be present. Around 500 people from various Health Institutions in Mysuru will take part. For details, contact Mob: 93798-66666, according to a press release.

Coaching for Group-C recruitment exam

Netaji Education Foundation, having Office at No.400, Krishnavilas Road, Opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace, will be conducting coaching classes for the written exam for recruitment to Group C posts in various Departments of State Government. The classes will start from May 14. For details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964/ 63641-16745.

Commemoration programme

Middle Way Tibetan Youth Congress, Regional Tibetan Women's Association and Mysore Tibetan Student's Union, Bylakuppe, Hunsur and Kollegal, will be commemorating the 30th Abduction Anniversary Day of Tibet's Panchen by Chinese Government on May 17, 1995, at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and Oval Grounds, Mysuru, on May 17 at 11 am. For details, contact Mob: 99341-86221 or 88901-84132.

248 job aspirants show their 'energy' in CESC Endurance Test

Five-day test to recruit 309 Junior Powerman begins at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city; 1,518 candidates including 141 women selected for test

Mysuru, May 13 (MTY&BS)- As many as 248 job aspirants, including 22 women, participated in the first day of endurance test launched by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited for the recruitments for the posts of Junior Powerman, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad here yesterday. The five-day test concludes on May 16.

The CESC has classified the applicants and daily 300 candidates have been slotted to appear for the endurance test, being conducted in a transparent manner. However, on the inaugural day of the test yesterday, 248 candidates turned up against 300 candidates suppose to attend the test.

CESC had issued a notification inviting applications for the vacant 309 posts of Junior Powerman on Oct. 14, 2024. Several thousands of candidates from across the State had submitted the applications. Of the total candidates who had scored higher marks, 1,518 candidates including 141 women, shortlisted in 1:5 ratio were selected for the endurance test.

The candidates appearing for test should climb 8-metre tall electric pole, followed by completing a 100-metre running in 14 seconds, 50 rounds of skipping in one minutes, throwing 12 pound weight shotput till eight-metre distance in three rounds and finally shall have to complete 800-metre running in three minutes.

MLA and CESC Chairman A.B. Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda gave a kick-start to the endurance test, in the presence of CESC Managing Director K.M. Munigopal Raju and other officials.

Addressing the gathering, Ramesh Babu said, the whole process for the recruitment of Junior Powerman is being conducted in a transparent manner. The CESC staff should discharge their duties without succumbing to any influences and bring a good name to the Corporation (CESC).

CESC Chief Engineer D.J. Diwakar, Superintending Engineer Sunil, Chief Finance Officer Renuka, General Manager (Administration and Human Resource) Dr. B.R. Roopa and Superintendent of Police (SP), Vigilance Savitha Hoogar were present.

Job aspirants showcasing pole climbing skills as part of the CESC Endurance Test at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad, Mysuru, yesterday.

> The endurance test is being conducted for the candidates who had submitted their applications. The recruitment process is being held in a transparent manner, on the basis of merit in compliance with the reservation fixed by the Government. Those selected should discharge their duties in a better way, giving due priority for their personal safety too.
>
> —K.M. Munigopal Raju, MD, CESC

'Download call letter from website, bring documents without fail'

Only those 1,518 candidates, including 141 women, who had submitted their applications and selected for endurance test should appear for the test. The non-applicants won't be considered for the test. The time and schedule of the test is announced on CESC website: ***https://cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in*** and the candidates should download their examination hall entry ticket (call letter) from the website and appear compulsorily along with the original documents and photocopies, related to their qualification and reservation, said CESC officials.

MLA Puttarangashetty's son no more

Yelandur, May 13- P. Chamaraju (42), eldest son of MLA C. Puttarangashetty, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday. He was the former Director of TAPCMS.

P. Chamaraju

He leaves behind his parents, wife Supriya, one son, one daughter, brother Kusumaraju (TAPCMS Vice-President) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the farm land in Uppinamole today, according to family sources.

Obituary

R. Purushotham

Mysuru, May 13- R. Purushotham (45), an employee of Mysore School of Architecture and at University School of Design and a resident of Paduvarahalli, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his parents, wife Divya, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his ancestral village near Huliyur Durga, Maddur today, according to family sources..

Pandira Vanaja Thimmaiah

Pandira Vanaja Thimmaiah (72), wife of late Thimmaiah and a resident of No. 92/C, near East West School on Krishna Bakery Road, Hootagalli Housing Board, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind children Praveen and Pavithra and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today, according to family sources.

V. Vasantha Bai

V. Vasantha Bai (84) of Vasanth Graphics on D. Devaraj Urs Road, wife of late B. Vittal Lal and a resident of Bogadi, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Waheeda Bhanu

Hunsur: Waheeda Bhanu (52), former Town Municipal Council President, wife of late Jameel and a resident of Nalbandh Street, passed away yesterday in the town.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the Muslim Burial Grounds at Shabeer Nagar yesterday evening.

Operation Sindoor is India's new normal: PM Modi to Pak

'Operation Sindoor has not ended; it is a decisive action against State-sponsored terror attacks on Indians'

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- Operation Sindoor is not over, it has only been put on hold, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a clear warning to Pakistan last evening, as he addressed the nation about India's response to the Pakistan-linked terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

"Pakistan must know that the strikes are not over, they have only been suspended after Pakistan promised it will take action against terrorists and terror facilities," the Prime Minister said.

"In the coming days, we will measure every step of Pakistan on the criterion of what sort of attitude Pakistan will adopt ahead." If Pakistan backtracks or misleads, "Let me repeat, that we have only suspended our retaliatory action," he asserted, suggesting resumption of precision strikes to decimate Pakistani terror camps.

Beyond Pakistan's imagination

In his 22-minute speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave an overview of how "India's drone and missile strikes were beyond what Pakistan could imagine."

Narendra Modi

He recalled how a shocked and panic-stricken Pakistan made frantic phone calls globally, seeking an intervention, before finally initiating a DGMO-level dialogue, asking for a ceasefire.

"Only when Pakistan appealed to India and promised that it would not indulge in any sort of terror activities or military audacity going forward, India considered the ceasefire," he noted.

'Pak attacked our *seema*, we struck their *seena*'

The Prime Minister narrated how India's "precise and forceful strikes" had left Pakistan in deep frustration, pushing the terror-sponsoring nation into desperation.

"Pakistan had planned to attack India's border *(seema)*, but we struck them in the heart *(seena)*," said the PM as he mentioned "terror universities" like Bhawalpur and Muridke in Pakistan's Punjab province.

"The big terrorist attacks of the world, be it 9/11, the London Tube bombings, or the big terrorist attacks which have happened in India in the last many decades - their roots are somehow connected to these terrorist hideouts."

With its precision strikes, "India not only shattered Pakistan's terror infrastructure, but also shattered their morale," added the Prime Minister.

Referring to the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, PM Modi said terror and talks cannot happen together and "paani aur khoon, ek saath nahi beh sakte (water and blood cannot flow together)."

'Operation Sindoor: Now India's new doctrine on terror'

In another warning to Islamabad and Rawalpindi (Army headquarters), Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Operation Sindoor is not just an operation, but a doctrinal change in India's policy to combat terror."

Operation Sindoor is the new normal, said PM Modi, adding that "India will strike wherever terror bases are located, and shall do so decisively if our country is attacked."

Calling out Pakistan's "nuclear blackmail", Prime Minister Modi said, it will not deter India. "India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail," he said.

Made in India gets a big push

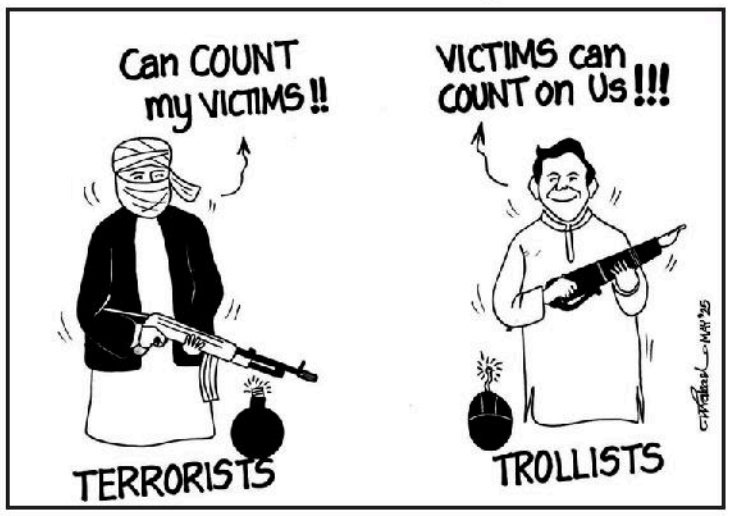
Praising made-in-India defence equipment that was used in these strikes, PM Modi said, "We have defeated Pakistan every time on the battlefield. And this time, Operation Sindoor has added a new dimension. We have displayed our capabilities in the deserts and mountains, and also proved our superiority in New Age Warfare. During this operation, the authenticity of our Made in India weapons was also proven. Today, the world is witnessing that in 21st-century warfare, the time has come for Made in India defence equipment."

Not an era for terror

"The way the Pakistani army and, Pakistan Government are encouraging terrorism, it will destroy Pakistan one day. If Pakistan wants to survive as a country, it will have to destroy its terror infrastructure. There is no other way to peace," the PM said.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



A curious 'Smiling Buddha' connection in Modi's speech

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- "The Buddha is smiling," was the code message flashed to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi when India successfully detonated its first nuclear bomb at the Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan on May 18, 1974.

The date was Buddha Purnima, the festival marking the birth of Gautama Buddha. Hence, the codename. The test prompted Pakistan to accelerate its nuclear programme, culminating in tests in 1998.

Fifty-one years later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose the same Buddhist festival day to deliver a strong message to Pakistan: "India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail". The Indira Gandhi government's announcement half-a-century ago described the nuclear test as a "peaceful" explosion.

PM Modi used the word "peace" with a sine qua non: "If Pakistan wants to survive, it will have to destroy its terror infrastructure. There is no other way to peace".

'Buddha Smiles Again'

The Prime Minister's statement was analogous to the one made by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister and a BJP stalwart, after India conducted three underground nuclear tests on May 11, 1998, in the same Rajasthan testing range, 24 years after Pokhran-1. Two days later, India conducted two more tests.

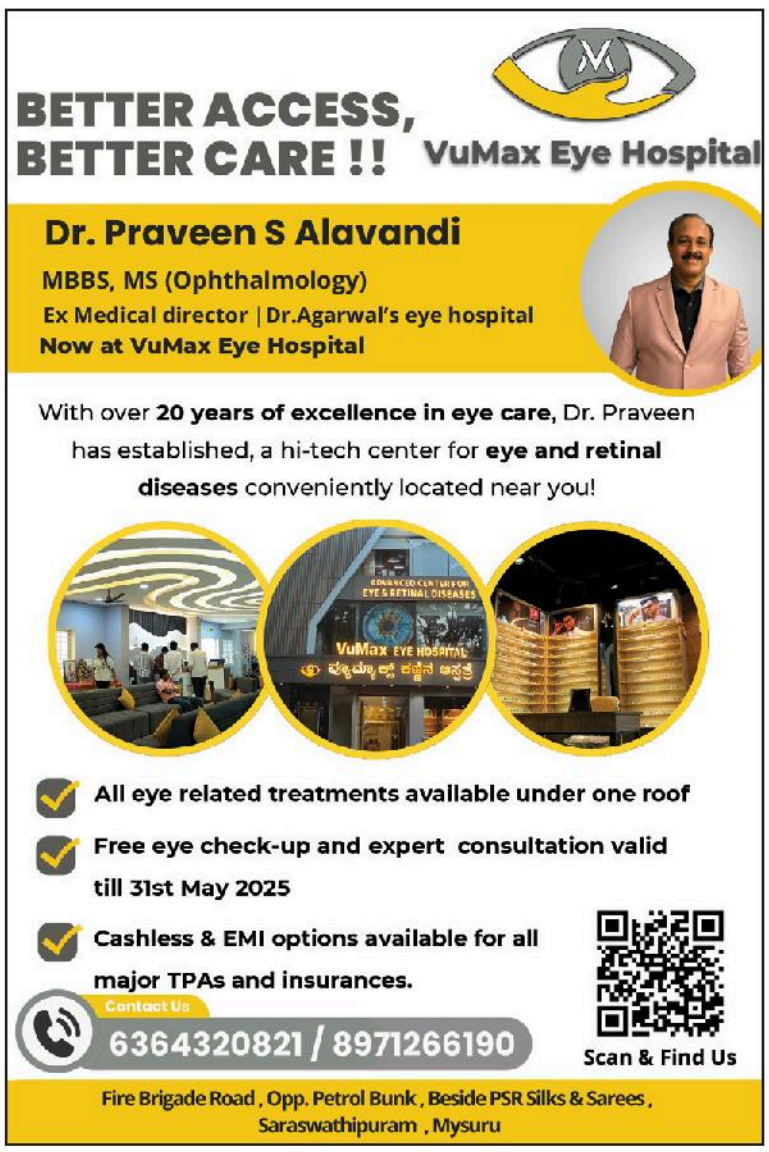
'Both sides must not fire a single shot'

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- The Indian Army's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai spoke to his Pakistani counterpart over the hotline around 5 pm yesterday, with the discussions centering around upholding the understanding reached two days ago to stop all military actions against each other.

Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai

They spoke for around 30 minutes, said people aware of developments. Issues discussed included continuing the May 10 commitment that both sides "must not fire a single shot" or initiate any aggressive or inimical action against each other, the Army said.

"It was also agreed that both sides consider immediate measures to ensure troop reduction from the borders and forward areas," the Army added.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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

BLITZKRIEG

Now annex PoK as assured in the Preamble of our Constitution

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Nation last night.

"You Did Everything You Could To Make Peace With. Now Go, Give Them The War They Want"

Bhagavad Gita

Last night at eight when our Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Nation, our countrymen and women heard him with pride. Earlier, he had told the country and the world that he would hunt down the terrorists and their 'backers', who massacred 26 tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir, on April 22, 2025. He said he would get them punished beyond their imagination.

Last night's speech was his 'Mission Accomplished' report to the Nation. This time, from being a mere Prime Minister (like his predecessors in Office), he has metamorphosed himself into a Lion King. And he roared. This time, Pakistan heard him, I guess, as it must be licking the deep wounds inflicted on it by our Tri-Forces.

The military attack, named "Operation Sindoor", apparently dedicated to the Hindu women, who were widowed by the Pakistani terrorists, was launched on 7th May, 2025. It was a blitzkrieg of the kind Israel destroyed the entire Air Force of Egypt in the 6-day war of 1967. **Modi has made the Pakistan Army walk on crutches and beg for ceasefire.**

Now the question is not whether Modi has kept his promise and accomplished his "mission and objectives," he had announced on Apr. 24 in his Bihar speech. Some say yes and, therefore, want India to call off further military conflict. They are left-liberals advocating "talks" with Pakistan. Oh, yes, could be because it is a Muslim country. Did you get me Steve?

There are also some who say what has been done since 7th May, 2025 is not enough, the mission is not accomplished. Therefore, India should not have agreed for the ceasefire. They are right-wingers, staunch nationalists.

The question is, what next? Answer to this question is in Modi's speech to the Nation made last evening. The whole world must have listened to him. Yes, Pakistan, which had taken Modi's Bihar speech with scant attention knowing India's past reactions to terror, this time must have heard him with much attention, though on crutches.

Yesterday's speech seems to have given some hope and great satisfaction to the people of India (fringe elements apart) that at last **Modi has placed two non-negotiable conditions for going further from the present 'ceasefire' imbroglio.** They are — Pakistan will be held responsible for future terrorist acts and PoK must be handed over to India. Period.

In other words, terror must stop and PoK returned to India to call off 'Operation Sindoor.' The Lion of India has spoken.

But the question is: Will the Pakistan Army, which owns the country, agree for these conditions? Possibility is remote. So, India shall not sheath the sword of Sindoor it has unsheathed and must hold it naked battle-ready to fulfil the two conditions.

If Pakistan remains adamant, the world will see Pakistan's "inexorable descent into fear and nihilism," as the American Journalist and Author Aatish Taseer had said with a sense of premonition. God forbid. Humanity is greater than your religion. Brotherhood of mankind is what a religion should teach.

To sum up, let me reproduce my open letter to Modiji published in *Star of Myore* dated 3rd May, 2025:

A Letter to Prime Minister Modi

Create geography like Indira Gandhi did in 1971 war

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modiji,

Greetings from a wounded secular citizen of India, an octogenarian.

The Pahalgam massacre must be revenged. The terrorists and their backers must be buried under the earth, to use your resolve made on the soil of Bihar. To do so, this is your finest hour.

Remember the words of Dom Moraes, the renowned journalist and author, who wrote about the war India fought with Pakistan in 1971 and created Bangladesh. In great admiration of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for the victory, Dom Moraes wrote in *Indian Express,* 'Mrs. Indira Gandhi not only created history but also created geography.'

Modiji, I remind you of this profound statement at this hour of crisis for our country only because you too, like Indira Gandhi, should seize the opportunity and create not only history but also geography.

Bangladesh, the Islamic State of the size of a handkerchief compared to India, has the hubris to threaten us saying it would cut off the Siliguri Corridor, also known as the chicken's neck, and take over Assam. Occupy Bangladesh territories around the chicken's neck and expand the Siliguri Corridor. Create an iron curtain in place of the chicken's neck.

In the West, take back the "stolen" part of Kashmir (to borrow the word from our Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar), now known as PoK. With this, India's bruised sovereignty and unity and integrity of its territories will be reclaimed and restored as per the Preamble of our Constitution.

This done, if any militarily strategic pass or territory needs to be occupied, finish that job too.

This land of *Sanatana Dharma* has for centuries remained a land of lotus-eaters. Now time has come to spew fire and brimstone to reclaim our land and protect our people.

— K.B. Ganapathy,
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Comedy Khiladigalu Season-3 winner dies at 33

Rakesh Poojary Hoode

Karkala, May 13- Rakesh Poojary Hoode, a popular Kannada comedian and winner of reality show Comedy Khiladigalu Season 3, passed away late Sunday night after suffering a heart attack while attending a friend's mehendi ceremony at Karkala in Dakshina Kannada district. He was 33. Sources said that Rakesh reportedly collapsed and died on the spot.

Known for his comic timing and versatile performances, Poojary had become a household name through Comedy Khiladigalu reality show.

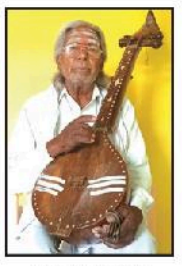
Originally from Karkala in Udupi district, he was the son of late Dinkar Poojary and Shambhavi. He gained popularity for his role in the Kannada television serial 'Hitler Kalyana' and also acted in several other TV serials. Besides his work on television, Poojary had a successful career in theatre and cinema. He acted in Kannada films such as 'Pailwan' and 'Idu Entha Lokavayya', and made a significant impact in Tulu cinema with films like 'Petkammi' and 'Ammer Police'.

He is survived by his mother, Shambhavi, sister Rakshita and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Karkala. The funeral was attended by a host of notable personalities from the Kannada and Tulu entertainment industries, reflecting the significant impact Rakesh Poojary had made in his relatively short career.

Folk artiste passes away

Nanjangud, May 13- Folk artiste Madashetty (85), a Kamsale and Tamboori exponent and a resident of Halepura village, Kavalande Hobli in Nanjangud taluk, passed away at a hospital in Mysuru yesterday.



Madashetty

He leaves behind his wife Puttadevamma, three sons (two are folk artistes), six daughters, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Madashetty was a recipient of Karnataka Janapada Academy and Kannada Janapada Parishat awards. Last rites were held at his native place Halepura, this afternoon, according to family sources.

Modi boosts soldiers' morale

(Continued from page 1)

Strategically vital, Adampur played a key role during the 1965 war with Pakistan and continues to be a crucial component of India's northern air defence.

During the visit, PM Modi was briefed by senior IAF officers on the current operational preparedness and challenges following the recent hostilities. He interacted with air warriors, lauding their courage and professionalism and expressed full confidence in the IAF's ability to protect the nation's airspace.

"Earlier this morning, I went to AFS Adampur and met our brave air warriors and soldiers. It was a very special experience to be with those who epitomise courage, determination and fearlessness. India is eternally grateful to our armed forces for everything they do for our nation," the PM posted on X, along with photographs from the visit.

The visit comes in the wake of the May 10 attack, during which Pakistani forces deployed unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) and fighter jets to strike Indian airbases at Adampur, Udhampur, Pathankot, and Bhuj. **Indian air defences responded swiftly, neutralising most threats. Though some damage was reported, officials confirmed that operational capabilities remained intact.**

The Prime Minister's presence at Adampur is being interpreted as a powerful message — both domestically and internationally — that India stands firmly with its Armed Forces and remains ready to respond decisively to any threat. At the same time, it reflects a balanced stance, signalling India's preference for peace should Pakistan choose de-escalation.

Pahalgam terror attack

Rs. 20 lakh reward for tip-off on suspects

Three terrorists gunned down at Shopian in an encounter with security forces

New Delhi, May 13 (Agencies)- Security agencies have put up posters of the three Pakistani terrorists believed to be behind the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians. The posters, which carry the message 'Terror Free Kashmir', have appeared across multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district.

The posters announce a reward of Rs. 20 lakh for anyone who provides credible information on the terrorists involved. The agencies have assured that the identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential.

Earlier, the sketches of three suspected terrorists, who were recognised as Adil Hussain Thoker, a resident of Anantnag, and two Pakistani nationals - Ali Bhai aka Talha Bhai and Hashim Musa aka Suleiman.

At least 26 people, including 25 tourists and a Nepali, were killed when terrorists opened fire in the Baisaran meadow, which is around six kilometres from Pahalgam town. The horrific incident is the deadliest attack in the Kashmir Valley since the Pulwama carnage in 2019.

The Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) affiliate, The Resistance Front (TRF), took responsibility for the attack in Pahalgam. In response to the Pahalgam attack, India initiated Operation Sindoor on May 7, striking nine terrorist installations across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Three terrorists killed

Three terrorists have been killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian. Another terrorist could be present in the area.

The encounter initially began in Kulgam this morning and then shifted to a forest area in Shopian.

Security personnel of the Army and paramilitary forces have been fighting the terrorists for about four hours now. Security forces intercepted the terrorists following an intelligence input.

Passenger loses Rs. 10 lakh

on Davangere-Mysuru bus

Police ask for proof of cash stolen; tell victim to lodge a complaint at Davangere

The victim A. Amith and the bag from which cash was reportedly stolen.

Mysuru, May 13 (RK&KS)- A passenger travelling on a high-end KSRTC Airavata Club Class bus from Davangere to Mysuru has reported the loss of Rs. 10 lakh in cash, which he had kept in his bag.

The incident is said to have occurred on May 6. However, when he went to the Lashkar Police Station in Mysuru city to lodge a complaint, he was asked for proof of the cash stolen and was told to file the complaint at Davangere.

The victim has been identified as A. Amith, son of S.V. Annappa, a goldsmith and resident of 9th Cross, Siddaveerappa Layout, Davanagere.

Details of the incident

Amith's friend, Vinayaka L. Tiliwal, a resident of Mysuru, had taken a loan by pledging gold at the Manappuram Finance Limited, Yelwal Branch. As Vinayaka had defaulted on his instalments, the finance company had initiated proceedings to auction the pledged gold.

At Vinayaka's request, Amith agreed to help by arranging money. Amith pledged his own pearl chain, a gold necklace, a gold bracelet, a pair of gold earrings and a 13-gram gold chain to Vishal Jain, the proprietor of a jewellery store in Davangere, where Amith was employed. In return, he secured a loan of Rs. 10 lakh.

Amith boarded the KSRTC Airavata Club Class bus (KA-17-F-1579) from Davangere at around 10 pm on May 5, carrying the cash in a bag. He wrapped the bag in a towel and placed it in the overhead luggage rack before taking his seat.

The bus, which had 22 passengers, reached Mysuru's Sub-Urban Bus Stand at around 4.45 am on May 6. When the driver announced the final stop, Amith retrieved his bag — only to find the cash missing.

Shocked, Amith frantically searched the bus along with the driver, but the money was nowhere to be found. He then checked the CCTV footage from the bus, which showed that two passengers boarded at Chitradurga at 11.49 pm on May 5.

No one boarded at Kunigal or Tumakuru, and no passengers alighted until Mandya, where one woman and another passenger (who had booked a ticket to Mysuru) got off.

Amith rushed to the Lashkar Police Outpost near the Sub-Urban Bus Stand and reported the theft. However, the CCTV footage did not provide clear visuals of the faces of those who alighted at Mandya.

He later visited the Lashkar Police Station and informed officers there. However, the Police reportedly told Amith to file a complaint in Davangere, citing that the money was being transported from there. They also asked him to provide proof of the Rs. 10 lakh he was carrying.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Amith said that he had called his employer, the jewellery store owner who had given him the money, and even had him speak to the Police. Despite this, the Police did not register a case.

Operation Abhyas: Mock Drill at Chamarajanagar on May 15

Chamarajanagar, May 13 (Agencies)- The Mock Drill (Operation Abhyas) which is carried out across the State to demonstrate how to protect civilians and important places during emergency situations, will be held at the premises of Sri Chamarajeshwara temple in Chamarajanagar town at 4 pm on May 15.

This was disclosed to media by Shilpa Nag, Deputy Commissioner of Chamarajanagar after chairing a preliminary meeting held in this connection at DC office auditorium recently in the presence of District SP Dr.B.T. Kavita and other officials.

Karisma Aiyappa crowned 'Mrs. Bharat California 2025'

Karisma Aiyappa (centre) was crowned 'Mrs. Bharat California 2025' by Mydream TV USA at an event held at California recently. Karisma, a HR/logistics professional in Silicon Valley, is a former State-level athlete and a passionate dancer. A native of South Kodagu and daughter of Poilengada P. Machamma and late Alemanda Aiyappa, residents of Kuvempunagar in Mysuru, Karisma is married to Abhishek, an employee of Microsoft, Bay Area, California, USA. Karisma's participation in various Coorg events in the USA showcases her commitment to her heritage. Picture right shows Karisma walking the ramp in the traditional Kodava attire.

Mango mania grips Mysuru

Prices drop, customers spoilt for choice as mango season peaks

Mysuru, May 13 (BLU&VNS)- With summer at its peak, the streets and markets of Mysuru are filled with the irresistible aroma of mangoes — the undisputed 'King of Fruits.' From street vendors to city fruit stalls, a rainbow of mango varieties draws fruit lovers in, thanks to reduced prices and a bumper harvest this year.

Unlike the previous seasons, this year has seen a price drop due to a higher yield and favourable weather, leading to a surge in mango lovers hitting the markets. Mangoes are pouring into Mysuru from various corners of Karnataka and other States.

Local supplies come from Maragondanahalli, Huyilalu, Kaniyanahundi, Kolar and Srinivasapura, while inter-State sources include Madanapalle in Andhra Pradesh, Krishnagiri, Palani and Erode in Tamil Nadu, and Ratnagiri, Devgad, Sindhudurg and Raigad in Maharashtra.

The most sought-after varieties in the market include Alphonso, Raspuri, Malgova, Totapuri, Sindhura, Badami, Mallika, Kesar and Neelam. Most of these mangoes are known for their sweetness, although a few, like Totapuri, offer a tangy twist.

Local and outside varieties

"Not all varieties can be grown everywhere," says Kizar Ahmed, a mango merchant at RMS Fruits in Mysuru. "Due to different climatic and soil conditions, we export our locally grown mangoes and also import others from across India to offer a wide selection here."

Prices at the wholesale market range between Rs. 60 and Rs. 110 per kg, depending on the variety. For instance, Raspuri is priced between Rs. 35 and Rs. 75; Sindhura between Rs. 15 and Rs. 40; Mallika between Rs. 30 and Rs. 60; Malgova from Rs. 50 to Rs. 110 and Banganapalli from Rs. 15 to Rs. 40.

At retail shops and roadside stalls, the prices go slightly higher, ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 150 per kg, depending on freshness, size and location.

From hay boxes to ethylene chambers

Gone are the days when mangoes were ripened naturally by wrapping them in hay and waiting for the aroma to spread. Over time, sellers began using calcium carbide to speed up the ripening process, but this practice turned hazardous. The chemical was found to pose serious health risks, prompting a Government ban.

Now, mangoes are ripened using ethylene, a naturally occurring plant hormone that accelerates ripening safely. Dr. Ravindra, an officer from the Department of Food Safety and Drugs, confirmed.

"Calcium carbide is strictly prohibited. We now use ethylene for ripening as it is safe and approved. We are conducting regular tests on mango samples and so far, there has been no trace of carbide usage. These tests will continue throughout the season."

Mysuru's own mango haven

Mysuru itself is no stranger to mango farming. The district has around 1,500 hectares under mango cultivation. With no major disruptions from heavy rainfall or strong winds this year, farmers have been able to harvest an excellent crop.

"We've had good yields thanks to stable weather," says Manjunath Angadi, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Mysuru. "If the current climate continues — without sudden rains or storms — we can expect future harvests to be equally good."

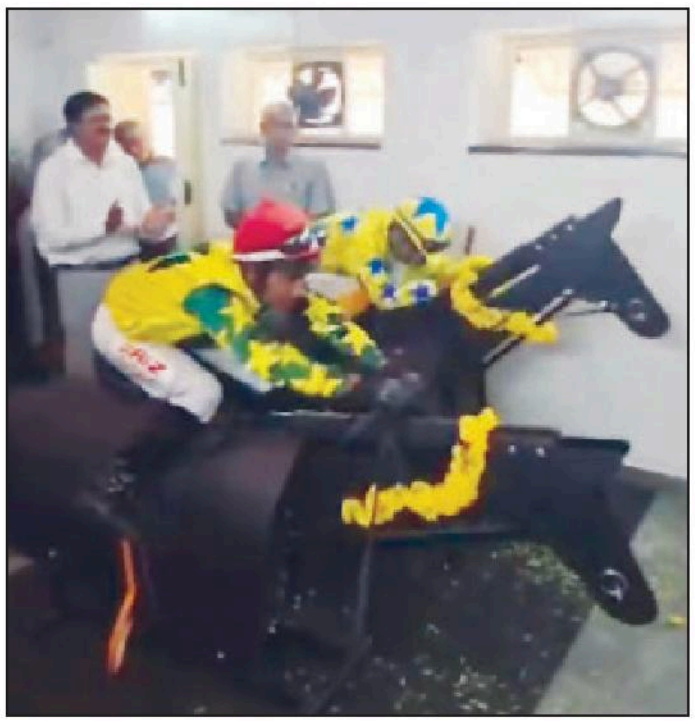
Popular varieties grown locally in Mysuru include Badami, Raspuri, Mallika, Malgova, Totapuri and Neelam, which are sufficient to meet the city's demand, reducing dependency on imports.

As the mango season continues to thrive, Mysureans are in for a sweet treat, bursting with flavour, variety and affordability. Whether you prefer the sweet richness of Alphonso or the tangy delight of Totapuri, now is the perfect time to savour the fruit that defines Indian summers.

Horse riding simulators installed at MRC

To help jockeys hone their riding skills

Stipendiary Steward Ajeya Urs explaining about the horse riding simulators installed at MRC as Senior System Engineer and In-charge of Purchase and Stores N. Vikram looks on.



Mysuru, May 13 (KS)- In a bid to provide hippotherapy (therapeutic horseback riding) to improve balance, other skills and also help jockeys refine their skills in a safe and controlled environment, the Mysore Race Club (MRC) has procured two horse riding simulators at a cost of about Rs. 10.44 lakh from the United Kingdom (UK).

The simulators were inaugurated by MRC Chairman G. Venkatesh in the presence of Managing Committee members and officials on Friday.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Stipendiary Steward (Racing Regulator) Ajeya Urs said that the two horse riding simulators were procured from Racewood Limited in the UK and shipped to Chennai, from where it was brought to Mysuru.

He said that these horse simulators are basic mechanical simulators which are used for pushing, posture and balance corrections of jockeys. These are designed for beginners to learn the basics of riding and develop their balance and posture besides helping individuals with mobility issues or other conditions.

Also, there are simulators that do not resemble horses but imitate certain aspects of equine motion, he said adding that they just look like a saddle, with a handle and stirrups, attached to a base that allows it to pitch and roll, exercising core muscles.

Ajeya said that senior jockeys are helping junior jockeys perfect their riding skills using the simulators and added that there are plans to get an advanced horse riding simulator in future.

Senior System Engineer and In-charge of Purchase and Stores N. Vikram told *SOM* that the two simulators were purchased at Rs. 6,02,205. To install these at MRC, it totally cost about Rs. 10.44 lakh including cargo charges, transportation cost, custom duty and other miscellaneous charges, he added.

'Nada Kishorothsava'

Entries invited for Music Competition

Mysuru, May 13- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised 'Nada Kishorothsava' programme from Sept. 20 to 22.

The competition will be in Karnatak and Hindustani Classical Music — Both vocal and instrumental excepting percussion instruments. The age limit for the artiste is 30 years and should be able to give a full fledge concert.

The soft copy of the bio-data with live audio of a concert should be sent by e-mail: ***ksnpin50@gmail.com*** before July 20. Ten selected artistes will perform during September. Selected artistes will receive intimation by Aug. 20.

For details, contact Sabha Hon. Secretary KSN Prasad on Mob: 94482-82501.

Honoured for ambidexterity

Mysuru, May 13- A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian, a 2nd standard student of Pramati Hillview Academy, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, was honoured with the District-level Award for Exceptionally Talented Children under Hoysala and Keladi Chennamma Award Scheme given by the Women and Child Development Department, Mysuru, at an event held at Maharshi Valmiki Bhavana, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city recently.

A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian

This award recognises Chirasvi's outstanding achievements in the logical category (ambidexterity) for the year 2024-25. The award ceremony celebrates the exceptional talents of children in various fields.

Chirasvi is the daughter of A.V. Balasubramanian and K.R. Kavitha of Devaraja Mohalla.

Veteran shuttler feted

Mysuru, May 13- Maleyanda Arun Poovaiah, a Badminton player of International repute, was felicitated by the organisers of Tambaram Badminton Premier League (TBPL) at Chennai recently for his contributions to the field of badminton for the past 45 years.

A six-time National Champion, Arun has won silver and bronze medals at the World Senior Badminton Championships held at Kaula Lumpur (Malaysia) and Sophia (Bulgaria) respectively.

A native of Nelji, close to Napoklu in Kodagu, Arun Poovaiah is presently based in Bengaluru and is involved in coaching budding Badminton players.

Excel in Inter-Zonal Games

The women's team of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College bagged Overall 2nd Runner-up in University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zonal Women Games organised by the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, recently. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***Physical Education Director P.S. Madhusudhana, Physical Education Director Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Mahajana Education Society Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakashmi Muralidhar, Team Captain M.K. Sanjana;*** *(standing from left)* ***K. Somashekar and Team Members.***

Monsoon may hit Kerala on May 27: IMD

New Delhi, May 13- Monsoon is likely to hit Kerala on May 27, five days earlier than its normal onset date of June 1, IMD said in a recent statement. This makes it possible to begin the kharif (summer sown) crops sowing operation early and the forecast will also help farmers.

The advance of monsoon over the Indian main land is marked by its onset over Kerala and is an important indicator characterising the transition from the hot and dry season to the rainy season. The south-west (summer) monsoon normally sets in over Kerala on June 1 with a standard deviation of about seven days and covers the entire country by July 8.

WORD OF THE DAY

Exculpate

Pronunciation: EK-skull-payt (verb).
Meaning: To exculpate someone is to prove that they are not guilty of doing something wrong.
Origin: There's no need to say "my bad" if you're unfamiliar with exculpate; while word is far from rare, it is most often encountered in formal writing in reference to clearing of someone of alleged fault or guilt, as in "they were exculpated of any wrongdoing." You may be more familiar with a pair of terms that, like exculpate, come from Latin noun culpa, meaning "blame" or "guilt." One is adjective culpable, used to describe someone deserving of condemnation or blame. The other is Latin phrase mea culpa, which translates directly as "through my fault" & refers to an acknowledgement of personal fault or error that is more formal than, well, "my bad."
Example: "Research shows that social-media use is associated with greater narcissism (as well as depression and anxiety).... But it is too easy to exculpate ourselves as a society by pointing to technology and trends we can scarcely control, and young adults may not be in a position to address their avoidant behavior. The rest of us can help." — Arthur C. Brooks, The Atlantic, 1 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Ecophobia
Fear of home.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The ends of the earth

Meaning: The furthest reaches of the land.
Origin: The phrase 'The ends of the earth' derives from the Bible, Zechariah 9:10 (King James Version): And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.
Caxton used the expression in his 1483 translation of J. de Voragine's Golden Legende: And all the endes of the erthe shal worshipe the Nacions shal come to the fro ferre and bryngyng yeftes shal worshype in the our lord. In that passage, and in other religious usages, the phrase was used to indicate the furthest reach of man's dominion, as opposed to the heavens. It wasn't widely used until the 19th century, when it began to be used as we use it today, that is, to mean 'a very long way away.'

QUOTE BOX

Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky. **— Khalil Gibran**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Five O'clock shadow.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 The orient
5 Child's bed
8 Miseries
12 Having high centre of gravity (3-5)
13 Distinctive atmosphere or quality
14 Mimic or copier
15 Gentle ringing
17 Loaded
19 Close by
20 Highest point
22 Midday meal
26 Praise
29 Chimney dirt
30 Long-sleeved vestment worn by a priest
31 Become interested or aroused, in a way? (3,2)
33 Sys. and Research Centre
34 Small piece of land
36 Rock group Pink ___
38 Cabs
40 Male deer
41 Protective ditch
43 Recess
47 Gagged or muffled
51 Concealing headpiece
52 German canal
53 "Had a nice" anagram for a ranch?
54 Light and breezy, in a way?
55 ___ Wallace : Hollywood star of the good old Western days?
56 Machine-gun

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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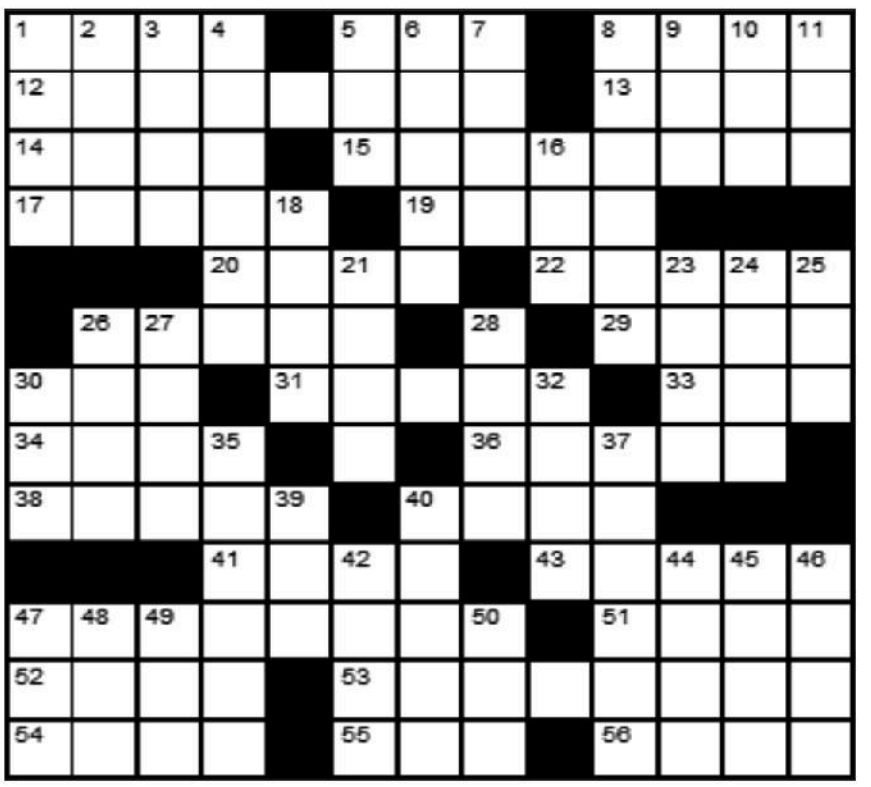
DOWN
1 And others, abbreviated, in Latin (2,2)
2 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
3 Made haste
4 Menace
5 MBA entrance test
6 Of or like sheep
7 N. England river
8 Marine mammal
9 Alsace assent
10 A type of sea-eagle
11 Hang down unevenly or loosely
16 Saif and Deepika starrer Love Aaj ___
18 In brief, sergeants and corporals
21 Roman 1052
23 Inquisitive
24 Thin rope
25 Taiwanese cellphone manufacturer
26 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald
27 Microsoft's gaming console
28 Clump or bunch of grass or hair
30 Fitting
32 Scheme or plot
35 Seasonable or opportune
37 Pointed arches?
39 Male child
40 Rob or purloin
42 Dull pain
44 Smallest American coin
45 Try not to be seen
46 Dash or zest; verve
47 Jamaican popular music
48 Three for Tiberius
49 Gaelic sea god
50 601 in Roman numerals



SUDOKU

1	2			3				8
	6			5				
			2	9	4			6
						4	9	
	4						3	
	8	3						
6			7	2	1			
				6			2	
4				8			6	5

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	2	5	7	9	6	4	3
7	6	5	4	1	3	9	8	2
3	9	4	6	8	2	1	7	5
5	8	9	1	4	7	2	3	6
1	3	6	9	2	8	4	5	7
2	4	7	3	5	6	8	9	1
4	5	3	8	6	1	7	2	9
6	7	8	2	9	5	3	1	4
9	2	1	7	3	4	5	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IFBD FJ DWV RIGFXDCYD DWRYLB RY DWV SFXUK WCZV

OVVY CEEFIGURBWVK OM GVFGUV SWF WCZV AVGD FY

DXMRYL SWVY DWVXV BVVIVK DF OV YF WFGV CD CUU.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.

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	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Retro (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Shinchan: Our Dinosaur Diary (Japanese)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Sarkeet (Ma)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Thudarum (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	(S-2)	10.15 pm; (S-4) 10 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Kaliyugam (Ta)	(S-3)	11 am
Tourist Family (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Subham (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Padakkalam (Ma)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Prince and Family (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Suthradaari (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Raid 2 (H)	(S-4)	7.15 pm

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Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm
Padakkalam (Ma)	:	6.50 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	6.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	7 pm, 9.15 pm

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Raid 2 (H)	:	10.20 am
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 7.20 pm
#Single (Te)	:	11 am, 10.15 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	11.15 am, 4.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Prince and Family (Ma)	:	11.40 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Sarkeet (Ma)	:	1.15 pm
Shinchan: Our Dinosaur Diary (H)	:	1.55 pm
Shinchan: Our Dinosaur Diary (Japanese)	:	6.55 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	2 pm, 4.40 pm
Padakkalam (Ma)	:	2.30 pm, 10 pm
Subham (Te)	:	4.55 pm
Naale Rajaa Koli Majaa (K)	:	5.10 pm
There Will Be Blood (E)	:	6.45 pm
Daskath (K)	:	7.15 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	9.15 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.25 am, 12.35 pm, 3.50 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.35 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 3.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	12.05 pm, 6.40 pm
Suthradaari (K)	:	1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
#Single (Te)	:	3.50 pm, 10.05 pm

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy deserves Padma Award: Senior musician

Bharatanatyam exponent Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy lighting the lamp to inaugurate an event titled 'Kalankura' organised by Jois Kala Prathishtana Cultural Trust at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar recently as senior musician Vidwan Dr. R.S. Nandakumar and others look on.

Mysuru, May 13 (SPN&TRR)- Senior musician Vidwan Dr. R.S. Nandakumar has demanded that the Government of India must consider the name of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, the internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam exponent who has contributed immensely to the growth of Indian culture by offering her expertise in classical dance to lakhs of students over the years, for 'Padma' award.

Dr. Nandakumar was speaking at an event titled 'Kalankura' organised by Jois Kala Prathishtana Cultural Trust at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar recently.

Observing that Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy is successfully spreading the fragrance of Indian culture across the globe, the senior musician said that the Government must recognise her contributions to our culture and honour her for achievements.

Conferring of 'Padma' to such deserving persons will enhance the value of such awards and also inspire others to reach similar heights, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy lamented that the present children are learning dance and music for reality shows and to become popular.

"The children who become popular through reality shows will be under pressure to retain that popularity which could prove dangerous. Continuous learning is very essential to master any art. Teachers must also practice regularly along with students. Then only students show interest in learning. Teachers should also organise functions to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their talent," added Dr. Vasundhara, who hailed Jois Kala Prathishtana artistes for working in this direction.

Prathishtana students H.V. Nayana, R. Anusha, P.G. Sanvy. D. Medini, Prajna, S. Divya, R. Rishitha and others performed Bharatanatyam, accompanied by Vidu. Namratha Jois on nattuvanga, Vid. M.R. Rajesh on flute and Vid. G.T. Swamy on mridanga. Renowned singer Vidwan M.S. Kausthub presented a classical music programme.

Trust President Satyanarayana Jois, Trustees Subramanyaraje Urs and Sadhana Jois, Secretary Dr. M. Susheela Urs and Treasurer Kavita were present.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 13)

- **CSIR-CFTRI:** National Technology Day 2025, TiE Mysuru Chapter President Bhaskar Kalale chief guest, CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh presides, Cheluvamba Hall, CSIR-CFTRI premises, **3.15 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Solo sitar recital by Pandit Sayan Ghosh, a young, multi-talented artiste from Kolkata, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Piku (H)	:	10 am, 7.50 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7.25 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	10.20 am, 10.30 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	10.35 am, 1.35 pm, 4.10 pm 10.10 pm, 10.20 pm
HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	1.50 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
#Single (Te)	:	4 pm, 9.50 pm
Suthradaari (K)	:	4.50 pm
Thunderbolts (E)*	:	5.05 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	6.35 pm
Subham (Te)	:	7.30 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	9.50 am, 7.15 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 3.40 pm, 10.30 pm
#Single (Te)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.35 am, 12.45 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Preeti Prema Panganaama (K)	:	11.40 am
Prince and Family (Ma)	:	1.30 pm
Vicky (K)	:	2.15 pm
Daskath (K)	:	5.10 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Sarkeet (Ma)	:	7.40 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	10.10 pm
Padakkalam (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Soulful divine music at Sadvidya

Vidwan Dr. R.K. Padmanabha performing at Sadvidya Educational Institutions in city recently.

Mysuru, May 13- Sri Ramotsava celebrations were held for three days in Sadvidya Educational Institutions (SVEI), Narayan Shastri Road, Mysuru, under the auspices of Sri Veeranjaneya Trust recently.

On Day-1, Kavya Vachana of Sundarakanda from Thorave Ramayana was rendered by *Karnataka Kalashree* K.R. Ramachandra and with an insightful Vyakhyana by Dr. Jyothishankar. On Day-2, a Dasavani programme was performed by Sri Uppunda Rajesh Padiyar and C.S. Vedashree. On the final day, a Karnatak Music Concert by Vidwan Dr. R.K. Padmanabha captivated the audience with his soulful divine music.

He was accompanied by Vid. C.N. Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Ramanujam on morching.

On all the days, SVEI President Prof. M.S.K. Narahari Babu, Secretary M.D. Gopinath, Vice-President S. Balaji, Joint Secretary K.N. Phaneesh, Chairman - Cultural Committee K. Raghuram and MC Members C.R. Nagaraj and R.S. Prasanna, honoured the artistes. The programme was followed by distribution of prasada to the audience.

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